New Trade Policy. A Departmental Committee has been constituted to examine the new staffing pattern of the Organisation of CCI&E. Posts which are found un-necessary or redundant will be abolished without in any way affecting the interests of any regular employee of the CCI&E Organisation.

(d) There has been no agitation in the Organisation after constitution of the above Committee.

(e) Does not arise.

Demand of export trading and star trading houses

2901. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exporters have urged upon Goverment to allow export trading and star trading houses to restructure their organisation and labour on the basis of productivity and efficiency and also be freed from the shackles of stringent labour laws;

(b) if so, what are their main demands; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of joint ventures abroad

*2902. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to strengthen the proper appraisal of proposals for setting up joint ventures abroad; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to put in a penalty clause for non-implementation of joint ventures abroad by Indian partners so as to prevent adverse publicity for Indian Indsutry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Proposal for overseas joint ventures are appraised by an inter-Ministerial Committee which takes into account inputs from the Embassy of India, Department of Economic Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Exim Bank, Directorate General of Technical Development and other relevant quarters. Recommendations recently received in this regard from a Board of Trade sub-Group are also under consideration.

Facilities for setting joint ventures abroad

**2903. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a greater scope for Indian businessmen to set up joint ventures abroad in view of the changing global economic scenario; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to substantively liberalise the facilities for Indian businessmen in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (b) In view of the changing global economic scenario, revision of guidelines for setting up overseas joint ventures and wholly-owned subsidaries is under consideration of the Government.

Action under Super 301 Trade Act of USA

@2904. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated 15th February, 1992 captioned "Speical 301 Talks outcome still a toss-up";

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion held at the 26th February, 1992 meeting and U.S. Government's attitude on the issue of its unilateral trade legislation under Special 301 on Trade Marks and Patents and any retaliatory action threatened by that Government; and

(c) the stand taken by India to press its

*Previously Unstarred Question 1292, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

**Previously Unstarred Question 1297, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2398, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.